Upgradation of ports in Gujarat

1731. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration for upgrdation of certain ports in Gujarat which are presently connected with the coastal highways;

(b) whether the link roads of the ports *viz.* Mundara, Kandla, Porbander, Jamnagar, Bedibander, Rodiport, Bhavnagar and Pipavav of Gujarat would be connected with main coastal highways; and

(c) if so, the timebound programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Responsibility for development of Ports other than Major Ports, vests in the State Government concerned, which in this case is the Government of Gujarat. Further, Union Government is responsible for development and maintenance of only National Highways (NH) and providing NH connectivity to the Major Ports of the country. At present, there is only one Major Port in Gujarat, *i.e.*, Kandla Port which is well connected through NH-8A.

Assessment of death and disability

1732. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, based on WHO data-base on death and disability caused by traffic accidents, the World Bank has projected a 147 per cent rise in deaths in the coming decade;

(b) whether evidence-based statistical modelling by IIT estimates that such accidental deaths in India in 2000 at over 6 million;

(c) whether Government have assessed the extent of losing thousands of its citizens in productive age-group and also the sharply increasing health-care cost of treating the injured; and

(d) if so, Government's comments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The